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RE: Effectiveness of Efforts to Increase Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Participation among Medicare's Extra Help Population Pilot Projects (12-NIRB-115)

Dear Dr. Castner:

The IRB has reviewed your revised documents with regard to the Effectiveness of Efforts to Increase Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Participation among Medicare's Extra Help Population Pilot Projects (12-NIRB-115). It has determined that these changes do address the components for conditional approval of the study, and therefore has given full approval of the study on May 7 2012. In addition, the waiver of informed consent for the survey recruitment has also been approved.

Please be advised that if there are any changes to the protocol and its procedures, such proposed changes must be submitted promptly, and before being implemented, to the Institutional Review Board so that it can determine if the status of the protocol remains the same or is in need of further determination. This provision includes any plans to analyze the data for purposes beyond those described in the IRB submission. Also, continuing review of this project will be required; this continuing review is due no later than April 18, 2013. Finally, if any translations are made of the approved documents, these must also be reviewed by the IRB before they are used in the field.

In the case that your study is not currently collecting gender and race/ethnicity demographic data on study participants, the Office for Human Research Protections (which oversees P/PV's IRB) requires that this information be provided on study participants. The provision of this information on the project's submission for continuing review enables the IRB and OHRP to ensure that women and minorities are included in human subject's research.

Congratulations on moving ahead with the project. We wish you much success in this important endeavor.

Sincerely,

Margo Campbell  
Chair, Institutional Review Board

cc: Daniel Friend, Mathematica Policy Research; File